



**Blue Ribbon Panel on Water Sustainability
Economic Funding Working Group**

Meeting Notes

August 17, 2010

- I Chair Snider called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Introductions (6 present in person, 6 telephonically) Attendance list attached.
- II Discussion on Draft Priority Issues from the Blue Ribbon Panel's (BRP) August 16, 2010 meeting.
 - Focused on item "Provide technical support and a Clearinghouse for assistance to Arizona communities". Main points include:
 - No one source or location where a system can find a variety of funding sources.
 - Not recommending a new agency but use an existing agency, i.e. University water research center, water shed management group or private entities could be used as a Clearing house.
 - Clearinghouse would determine what is available to what size company such as technical assistance and funding information. Also compare a listing of cases per companies that have gotten money/funding.
 - Impediment could be changing nature of funding organizations requires regular updating.
 - Could have user fee as possible funding source.
 - Benefits include educating small and emerging utilities on how they can begin to use reclaimed and recovered water to the benefit of the water users, and on planning for it.
 - Unintended consequences could be bad advice, opportunities missed, and discouraging creative solutions.
- III Future actions (home work):
 - Tom Arnold and Ed Curley to begin working on the Technical support/Clearinghouse white paper (BRP #18).
 - Bill Garfield, Joe Harris and Bonnie O'Connor to collaborate to provide the Economic Funding Working Group's perspective on BRP recommendation #8 to Ron Doba (chair of the Regulations/Permitting Working Group).
 - Bill Garfield, Joe Harris, Bonnie O'Connor, and Sandy Sutton to address the rate-making recommendation (BRP #23).
 - Comments due Oct. 15, 2010. Working group will review two drafts in our working group meeting in Casa Grande.
- IV Next meeting: Thursday September 16, 1:00 pm and Friday October 1, 2010
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